

**Amendments in the Claims:** (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A portable work platform assembly for providing a cable splicing workstation, said assembly including:

5 a base;

a bracket being attached to and extending upwardly from said base;

a post having a bottom end and an upper end, said bracket being adapted for  
releasably attaching said bottom end of said post to said base such that  
said post extends upwardly from said base, said post being telescoping and  
10 including a first portion being selectively extendable outwardly of a  
second portion, said first portion having a first set of apertures extending  
therethrough, said second portion having a second set of apertures  
extending therethrough, wherein said first set of apertures may be  
selectively aligned with said second set of apertures, at least one pin being  
15 removably extendable through aligned ones of said first and second sets of  
apertures;

a frame having a front wall, a rear wall, a first lateral wall, a second lateral wall, a  
top surface and a bottom surface, a mesh screen being attached to and  
extending across an interior of said frame, said mesh screen being  
generally flush with said top surface, said mesh screen being substantially  
20 rigid; and

25 a hinge hingedly coupling said frame to said post such that said bottom surface of  
said rear wall may be abutted against said upper end and a plane of said  
frame is orientated generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said  
post.

2. (original) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein said base comprises  
a plate having a generally rectangular shape, said plate having a plurality of holes  
extending therethrough.

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3. (original) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein said base comprises a male trailer hitch.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

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5. (currently amended) The assembly according to claim [4] 1, wherein each of said first and second portions has a height generally between 22 inches and 26 inches.

10 6. (original) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein said frame has a width generally between 5 inches and 7 inches and a length generally between 5 inches and 7 inches.

15 7. (original) The assembly according to claim 1, further including a support arm having a first end pivotally attached to said frame, said support arm having a plurality of openings extending therethrough, a fastener being removably extendable through one of said openings and an uppermost one of said first set of apertures, wherein an angle of said frame with respect to said post may be selectively chosen by extending said fastener through different ones of said openings.

20 8. (original) A portable work platform assembly for providing a cable splicing workstation, said assembly including:

25 a base, said base comprising a plate having a generally rectangular shape, said plate having a plurality of holes extending therethrough;  
a bracket being attached to and extending upwardly from said base;  
a post having a bottom end and an upper end, said bracket being adapted for releasably attaching said bottom end of said post to said base such that said post extends upwardly from said base, said post being telescoping and including a first portion being selectively extendable outwardly of a second portion, said first portion having a first set of apertures extending therethrough, said second portion having a second set of apertures extending therethrough, wherein said first set of apertures may be

selectively aligned with said second set of apertures, each of said first and second portions having a height generally between 22 inches and 26 inches;

5 at least one pin being removably extendable through aligned ones of said first and second sets of apertures;

a frame having a front wall, a rear wall, a first lateral wall, a second lateral wall, a top surface and a bottom surface, a mesh screen being attached to and extending across an interior of said frame, said mesh screen being generally flush with said top surface, said mesh screen being substantially rigid, said frame having a width generally between 5 inches and 7 inches and a length generally between 5 inches and 7 inches;

10 a hinge hingedly coupling said frame to said post such that said bottom surface of said rear wall may be abutted against said upper end and a plane of said frame is orientated generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said post; and

15 a support arm having a first end pivotally attached to said frame, said support arm having a plurality of openings extending therethrough, a fastener being removably extendable through one of said openings and an uppermost one of said first set of apertures, wherein an angle of said frame with respect to said post may be selectively chosen by extending said fastener through different ones of said openings.

20 9. (new) A portable work platform assembly for providing a cable splicing workstation, said assembly including:

25 a base;

a bracket being attached to and extending upwardly from said base;

a post having a bottom end and an upper end, said bracket being adapted for releasably attaching said bottom end of said post to said base such that said post extends upwardly from said base;

30 a frame having a front wall, a rear wall, a first lateral wall, a second lateral wall, a top surface and a bottom surface, a mesh screen being attached to and

extending across an interior of said frame, said mesh screen being generally flush with said top surface, said mesh screen being substantially rigid;

5 a hinge hingedly coupling said frame to said post such that said bottom surface of said rear wall may be abutted against said upper end and a plane of said frame is orientated generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said post; and

10 a support arm having a first end pivotally attached to said frame, said support arm having a plurality of openings extending therethrough, a fastener being removably extendable through one of said openings and an uppermost one of said first set of apertures, wherein an angle of said frame with respect to said post may be selectively chosen by extending said fastener through different ones of said openings.

15 10. (new) The assembly according to claim 9, wherein said post is telescoping and includes a first portion being selectively extendable outwardly of a second portion, said first portion having a first set of apertures extending therethrough, said second portion having a second set of apertures extending therethrough, wherein said first set of apertures may be selectively aligned with said second set of apertures, at least one pin 20 being removably extendable through aligned ones of said first and second sets of apertures.

11. (new) The assembly according to claim 10, wherein each of said first and second portions has a height generally between 22 inches and 26 inches.

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12. (new) The assembly according to claim 9, wherein said frame has a width generally between 5 inches and 7 inches and a length generally between 5 inches and 7 inches.

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13. (new) The assembly according to claim 9, wherein said base comprises a male trailer hitch.